

above five thousand dollars and not exceeding seven thousand dollars, three dollars and fifty cents; if above seven thousand dollars and not exceeding eight thousand dollars, four dollars; if above eight thousand dollars and not exceeding ten thousand dollars, five dollars and fifty cents; and if above ten thousand dollars, six dollars: Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to charge with a duty, or to require to be stamped any Bond of this State, or certificate of debt issued by this State, or in pursuance of any law of this State, or any certificate or other evidence of the debt of the city of Baltimore, or of any other of the incorporated towns or cities in this State, or the certificates of the stock of the Banks, or other incorporated institutions of this State, or to any check payable at sight, upon any Bank, Company or Banker in this State, or to charge with a duty, any second, or other copy of a Bill of Exchange.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Loans, or of some officer to be appointed by the Governor, to cause to be provided so many marks and stamps, differing from each other, as shall correspond with the several rates of duty aforesaid; that is to say, one mark or stamp for each distinct rate of duty, with which marks and stamps respectively shall be marked or stamped, all vellum, parchment or paper, or other material upon which shall be written or printed, all or any of the instruments, writings, matters or things herein before enumerated and charged, according to the nature and description thereof, which said several marks and stamps shall be notified by a public notification or advertisement, to be issued by the Commissioner of Loans, or other officer to be appointed by the Governor as aforesaid, and inserted in at least two newspapers, printed in the City of Baltimore, and one newspaper in each County in this State, where a newspaper is printed, and for not less than thirty days before the said tenth day of May next, to the end that all persons may have due notice thereof, and which said marks and stamps shall and may be altered or renewed from time to time, as the said Commissioner of Loans, or other officer to be appointed by the Governor, shall think fit. So that like public notification thereof be made before such new stamps or marks shall begin to be used.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all the paper, parchment, or vellum or other material required for the purpose of this act, shall be furnished at the expense of this State, by the Treasurer thereof, who is hereby authorized to expend annually a sufficient sum for that purpose, and for defraying the expense of stamping, as required by this act.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the paper, parchment, vellum or other material, when so stamped under the direction of the Commissioner of Loans or other officer to be appointed by the Governor, shall be distributed to the Clerks of the several Counties of this State, and of Howard District and of the City of Baltimore, in convenient and necessary quantities, taking duplicate receipts from the said Clerks of the same, one of which receipts shall be forthwith transmitted to the Treasurer of this State; the said stamps to be accounted for by the said Clerks in the manner hereinafter directed.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That when any per-

son or persons shall desire to have vellum, parchment, paper, or other materials stamped or marked so that the same may be afterwards used by him or them, as though he or they had obtained the said vellum, parchment, paper, or other material, already stamped or marked from the Clerk of the County Court, the City Court of Baltimore, or of Howard District Court, as is herein provided, such person or persons shall present the said vellum, parchment, paper or other material to the said Commissioner of Loans, or officer to be appointed by the Governor, who shall, upon receiving from such person or persons, the amount of the duties chargeable thereupon, stamp or mark the said paper, parchment, vellum or other material with such stamps or marks as the said person or persons may require,—provided, that nothing in this section contained, shall authorize a stamp or mark to be put upon any of the instruments, whether written or printed, enumerated in this act, after the same shall have been perfected and executed, and it shall be the duty of the said Commissioner of Loans, or officer to be appointed by the Governor, on the first days of June, September, December and March, in each and every year, after the passage of this act, to account with and pay over to the Treasurer of this State, all sum or sums of money received under the provisions of this section, and on failure so to account and pay over, within ten days from the days above limited for that purpose, the Treasurer shall give notice thereof to the Deputy of the Attorney General for the City of Baltimore, whose duty it shall be to put the bond of such Commissioner of Loans, or officer appointed by the Governor, in suit for the use of this State, which shall be liable therefor, as for any other default of the principal obligor or obligors therein, and a recovery shall be had upon the said bond for the whole amount due thereupon, with interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum from the time of such default.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any person or persons shall apply to any of the said Clerks for the purchase, at one time, of any quantity of vellum, parchment, paper, or other material, stamped and marked in the manner aforesaid, the whole amount of the duties on which quantity shall be ten dollars or upwards, such Clerk shall be, and he is hereby authorized and required to deliver to such person or persons, such quantity of vellum, parchment, paper or other material stamped as aforesaid, the said person or persons paying down the amount of the said duties, after deducting therefrom seven and one-half per centum on such amount, which deduction the said Clerk is hereby authorized and required to allow.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall write or print or cause to be written or printed, upon any unstamped vellum, parchment, paper or other material, (with intent fraudulently to evade the duties imposed by this act) any of the matters and things for which the said vellum, parchment, paper or other material, is hereby charged to pay any duty, or shall write or print, or cause to be written or printed any matter or thing, upon any vellum, parchment, paper or other material, than shall be marked or stamped for any lower duty than the duty by this act payable, or shall write or print, or cause to be written or printed on vellum, parchment,